



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of**

Tomohiro SAKAI, et al.

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**Group Art Unit:** 2814

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**Examiner:** Weiss, Howard

**For:** ELECTRODE FOR P-TYPE SiC

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 – 1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as indicated herein. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11, 12 and 25-32 are pending in the application. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. By this preliminary amendment, new claims 33 and 34 are added.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.